



Tremont, IL Weekly News

Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to:

<http://www.tremontil.com/Tremont-board-minutes/2016/120516agenda.pdf>

Christmas Services

The Tremont United Methodist Church will host their Annual Christmas Eve services at 7PM and 9PM. Both services are family friendly and composed of scripture, carols, special music, and a candlelight conclusion. Both services are open to the public.

On Christmas morning, Tremont United Methodist Church will have only one service at 10AM. The service will feature lots of Christmas Carols.

Tremont United Methodist Church is located at 112 W. Pearl St. in Tremont. For more information, contact the church at 925-2011.

Annual 4th Grade Gingerbread Houses

Each year at Christmas time, the 4th graders channel their inner architect to build gingerbread houses out of milk cartons. Believe it or not, these houses require a lot of careful thought on the design and problem solving skills for the houses to 'stick'. Great job 4th grade!



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School Board Meeting Minutes

The December meeting of the Tremont Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 8. Highlights from Superintendent Jeff Hinman's report include:

- Details on the plans to upgrade the Student Management System utilized by District personnel and parents. A committee of teachers, office support personnel, and administrators heard presentations from three companies. A decision is expected soon.
- The administration is putting the co-curricular report on hold in the short term as a search is underway for a new athletic director. Mr. Hinman told the Board that input from the new individual would be critical in the completion of the report, but discussions were still being held about the importance of an active Booster Club to support the athletic program.
- Bridge the Gap is being planned for Saturday, March 4th. Board members have agreed to participate in the festivities - possibly organizing a pancake and sausage breakfast that morning. Details will be finalized in the next month.
- Mr. Hinman reported that he has been in contact with Village officials regarding the levels of lead in District drinking fountains. He was pleased to report the results of tests on all water fountains to be well within the safety range for drinking water.
- In other agenda items, the superintendent stated the fallacy of fully funded schools for the current year as the news out of Springfield continues to lack productivity in terms of budget negotiations. He illustrated the following data:

By 10/8/2015, the State had paid all General State Aide and Categoricals for 2015. While still prorated and 3 months after the close of the year, the gap was filled.
By 12/1/2016, the State has yet to pay \$147,225 for FY16 (Last School Year)
By 12/1/2016, the State has yet to pay \$206,071 for FY17 (The Current School

Year).

THE BOTTOM LINE.....

WITH OUR "FULLY FUNDED" PUBLIC SCHOOL, WE ARE CURRENTLY SHORT \$353,296 AS OF DEC. 1, 2016.

LAST YEAR, WITHOUT "FULL FUNDING" WE WERE SHORT \$178,696 ON THE SAME DAY.

Mr. Hinman said, "I haven't recommended action on the Transportation Fund yet because we were hopeful to have some idea regarding the amount of reimbursement the District will receive. To date, there has been no indication funding level we should expect. While the Transportation Fund balance is currently showing a negative balance, we're pulling money out of our general checking to pay the bills."

He was asked by the Board about the possibility of charging for transportation. A member had mentioned that a family friend was charged by their school district for transportation. Mr. Hinman said that because Tremont is a Unit District, the School Code prohibits charging parents for transportation.

To read the full report, please go to: <http://www.tremont702.net/district/superintendents-message>

Tuesday

HS GBB @ Tri-Valley - 5:30PM
Tri-Valley High School
503 E. Washington, Downs, IL

MS BB @ Dee-Mack - 5:30PM
Mackinaw, IL

GS Christmas Concert - 7:00PM (grades 2nd through 4th)
North Gym, High School

Wednesday

Early Dismissal - Tremont District 702
1:50PM - Grade School, 2:00PM - Middle/High School

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